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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN.: BOX PCT APPLICATION

Ass't. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 35 297.6, filed on July 27, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/02445, filed on July 25, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--